



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

Brain Injury Awareness Month

WHEREAS, 1.7 million Americans sustain a traumatic brain injury each year; and

WHEREAS, a traumatic brain injury is a contributing factor to a third of all injury-related deaths in the United States; and

WHEREAS, each year, in the State of Rhode Island, 6,585 citizens are seen in the emergency room or hospitalized with a traumatic brain injury; and

WHEREAS, these injuries are largely the result of falls, motor vehicle crashes, assaults, sports-related injuries or occupational injuries; and

WHEREAS, traumatic brain injury is the signature injury of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, presenting new challenges for members of the military and their families; and

WHEREAS, an injury that happens in an instant can bring a lifetime of physical, cognitive and behavior challenges; and

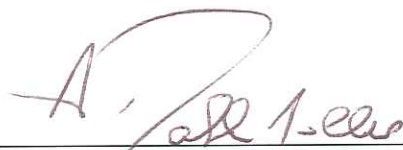
WHEREAS, early, equal and adequate access to care will greatly increase overall quality of life, and will enable individuals to return to home, school, work and community; and

WHEREAS, the Brain Injury Association of Rhode Island offers education and support to families and individuals with traumatic brain injury with community integration and to live as independently as possible; and


WHEREAS, March has been designated as Brain Injury Awareness month to promote public awareness on the extent, causes, consequences, treatment and prevention of traumatic brain injury; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee, Governor of the State of Rhode Island do hereby proclaim March, 2012 as Brain Injury Awareness Month in Rhode Island and encourage all its citizens to join me recognizing the importance of this month.




A. Ralph Mollis
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great
seal of the State of Rhode Island
and Providence Plantations,
this 30th day of March, 2012


Lincoln D. Chafee
Governor